



Sivas

Circa: circa 1880

A unique Sivas carpet with pastel shades. The shiny wool is soft as silk.

Siwas (former name: Sebastia) is a city of important economical activity and was a great carpet-center since the Ottoman era, but it was only at the end of the 19th century that carpets was part of its reputation. .

Several Seljuk buildings remind the visitor that it once was a splendid city with a rather unique atmosphere. It is the most eastern Turkish town with many carpet-workshops. Villages in the area have always cared for quality and finesse and sometimes found their inspiration in Persian art. Despite the fact that in the first half of the 20th century several art schools and official institution (orphanages, prisons) opened workshops, Siwas is no longer a major carpet center in modern Turkey.